

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: <b>Hughes et al.</b>	§ Group Art Unit: <b>2615</b>
Serial No.: <b>10/692,168</b>	§
	§ Examiner: <b>Disler, Paul</b>
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	§
For: <b>Method for Intelligent Volume Control</b>	§ Attorney Docket No.: <b>AUS920030630US1</b>

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Preliminary to the continued examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.